

**TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Public Meeting, February 11, 2015**

**Attendees:** Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repak. Absent: John Kieley

**Opening** at 6:35 pm

**Minutes** of January 12th meeting were approved.

**Report on Budget Hearing:** There were no concerns or questions about the TCC proposed budget.

**Renewal of members terms:** *Lincoln moved, and Eric seconded, that Honey and Dave be reappointed by the Select Board as members of the Temple Conservation Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

**Discussion and action on SB 83,** relative to powers of conservation commissions: After discussion of the potential impact of SB 83 in hindering conservation commissions from carrying out their statutory responsibilities, *Honey moved, and Sean seconded, that the TCC send a letter to Senator Birdsell and the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee asking them to kill SB 83. The vote was unanimous in favor. Bruce will compose a letter based on a draft prepared by Honey and send it to the Committee along with a copy to Nick Coates of NHACC.*

**Milford skill building session:** The NHACC and Milford Con Com are offering a workshop on *Navigating Large Projects in Your Town* on Feb. 23 from 6 to 9 pm. The proposed pipeline project is of this type.

**New Ipswich CC mapping project :** *Sean will talk with Bob Boynton on the New Iswich CC about how we might customize this project for Temple.*

**Agriculture ad hoc advisory committee:** *Lincoln will be bringing suggestions for members and activities of this new committee to the BOS in the next couple of months. Possible members include Lincoln, Tim Winship, Boo Martin, Chris Connolly, and Adi Kulis. The purpose of this committee is to help develop protective ordinances for opportunities and restrictions in agricultural practices.*

**Kinder Morgan Pipeline:** Members shared concerns about the proposed natural gas pipeline near the southern border of Temple. Sean showed some computer maps and members noted the pipeline proximity to Temple aquifers.

**Girl Scouts program:** Honey reported that the Girl Scouts of NH and VT are looking for conservation projects that the scouts can take on. *Honey will contact them about possible trail maintenance in the near future.*

**Eric's report on Weston trails, Ledges, and Town Forest hike:** Eric has worked this winter on the Weston trails and noticed a few wet crossings that need improvement. He also did some tree cutting at the Ledges and noticed little forts that local boys have built.

Eric said the Town Forest hike on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> led by Stacy Gambrel from the Monadnock Conservancy was successful and well attended with 14 people, many from other towns. Eric

pointed out the Black Gum trees and talked with folks at the rear of the line. The group tended to be dispersed and TCC members suggested giving appreciation to Stacy plus feedback on keeping a group bunched closer so all can hear the leader.

Suggestions for the Town Forest:

- Placing new, clear trail markers on trees.
- Making trail improvements in a few places, especially those that tend to be wet.
- Asking Ben to raise a few of his sap lines that are too low across trails.
- Developing a tree identification guide and map.
- Tracking a few Hemlock trees which Eric discovered have woolly adelgid.
- Offering another hike in the warm season.

Meeting ended at 8:10 pm. The next meeting is on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner. *Italics* above indicate tasks to be done or motions.